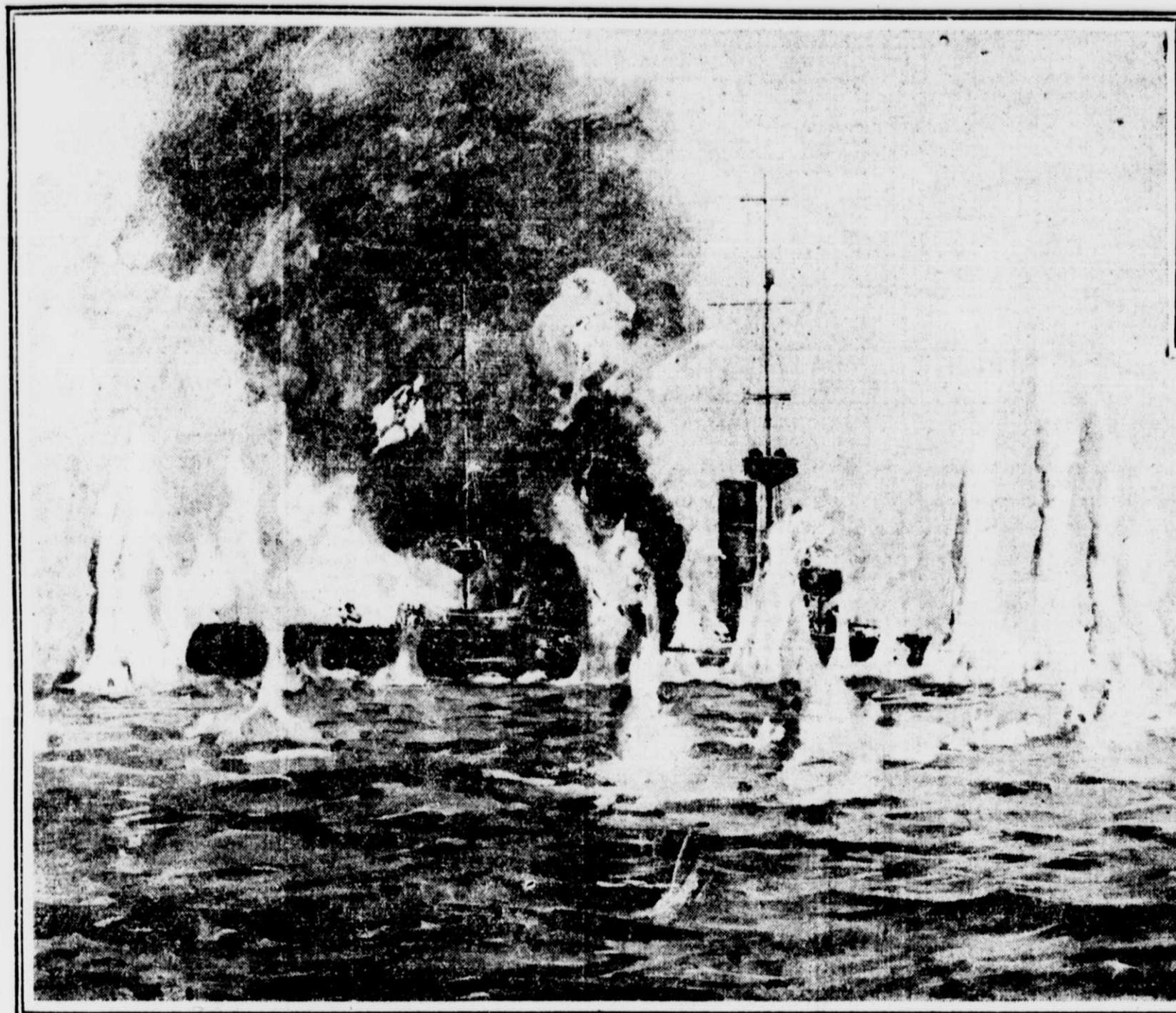


## GERMANS WHO MENACED PARIS NOW IN PRECIPITATE FLIGHT; RETREAT GENERAL, SAY ALLIES---GUNS, SUPPLIES ABANDONED



THE report by the British Admiralty of the naval victory off Helgoland on August 28 said that two German destroyers were sunk and many damaged. The first light cruiser squadron sank the Mainz, receiving only slight damage. The first battle cruiser squadron sank one cruiser, Koon class, and another cruiser disappeared in the mist, burning and in a sinking condition. That this third cruiser was sunk seems to have been confirmed by intercepted German signals and from other German sources.

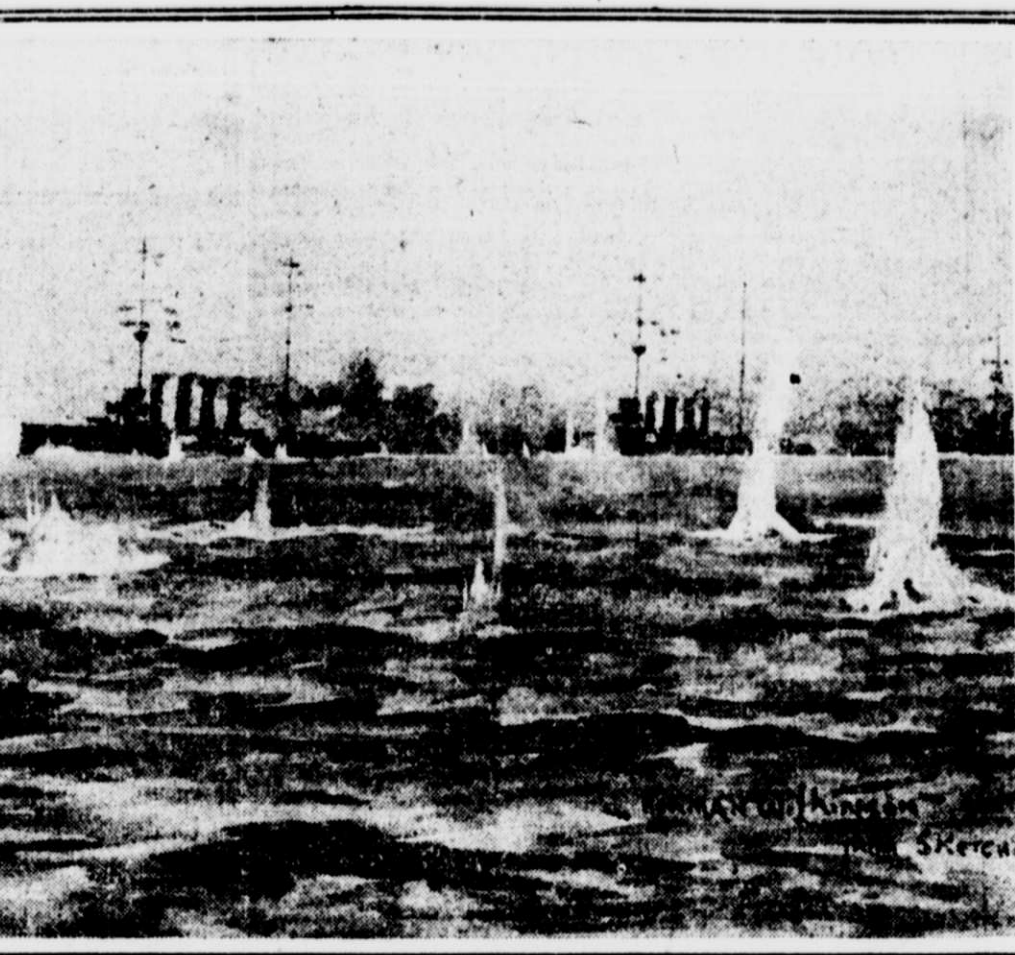
The light armored cruiser Arethusa, leading the line of destroyers, was first attacked by two German cruisers, one of which she seriously injured with her six inch guns.

The operation was a sweeping movement by a strong force of torpedo boat destroyers and its purpose was to cut the German light craft from their base and engage them at leisure in the open sea.

The British naval officer who made the sketch from which the drawing below was made said that when the decks of the Mainz were almost awash she still was firing the only gun left not out of action. This was on the quarter deck.

The British light cruiser squadron is shown at the right of the drawing, steaming across the bow of the Mainz and firing. The survivors from the Mainz were rescued by the British ships.

Only the fore funnel and masts of the Mainz were left standing and black columns of smoke came up from moundships.



## GERMAN CRUISER MAINZ SINKING AFTER BOMBARDMENT BY BRITISH WARSHIPS

### RUSSIANS TRAP AUSTRIANS NEAR VISTULA RIVER

Archduke Joseph Ferdinand Is Making Probably His Last Stand.

### CZAR'S ARMY PURSUES AUSTRIAN ARTILLERY

Captures Tomaszow and Fortified Towns of Opole and Turobin.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

A St. Petersburg despatch to the Daily Chronicle says that the Austrians under General Dand and von Auffenberg are now driven out of their left, under Archduke Joseph Ferdinand. They are trapped in an angle between the San and Vistula rivers. The ground is very marshy and is intersected by many streams, the fords of which are blocked. This has resulted in the abandonment of much transport.

The army of the Archduke has hitherto evaded a decisive engagement, but now, although reinforced by the remnants of the second Austrian army and also by the Germans, it finds itself in a critical position. This will probably be the Archduke's last stand.

The correspondent says that it was actually announced last evening that the Russians are approaching the San River in hot pursuit of the Austrian artillery. It is noticeable that slow but furious fighting is proceeding on the Austrian centre. The Hungarian regiments are showing great gallantry. The Austrian right also is hotly engaged.

### AUSTRIANS IN ROUT.

Many Prisoners Are Being Sent Forward Shortly.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.

The advance of the Russian troops to Russian Poland continues steadily. The desperate battle at Tomaszow resulted in their capture of that city and they have followed up this victory by taking the fortified positions of Opole and Turobin. The siege of Lodz continues.

The War Office announced to-day.

### U. S. Asks Kaiser If He Is Ready to Talk Peace

Informal Inquiry Is Sent to the Emperor and Also to Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, by the State Department.

### OBJECT IS TO PUT RULERS TO THE TEST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The United States Government has laid before the Kaiser an informal inquiry regarding the attitude of Germany toward peace negotiations.

This action of the Washington Government, which places an opportunity for peace squarely before the Kaiser and his advisers, was taken several days ago. It was learned to-night. So far no answer has been received.

The Sun told on Thursday morning of the receipt by President Wilson of a communication from the Kaiser which while making no mention of possible steps toward peace conveyed by its tone the impression that the Kaiser was deeply concerned over the enormous bloodshed in the present struggle. The communication consisted of a charge that the French and English were using dum dum bullets and an attempt at a justification of the burning of Louvain.

It was suggested in THE SUN's article that the Kaiser, upon whom, justly or unjustly, a great part of the American people lay the responsibility for the war, was seeking to counteract this by placing the onus for the war's continuance upon the shoulders of Great Britain, France and Russia.

Intimations have come from other sources, notably from Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, that Germany is satisfied with the advance of her armies through France and is willing to enter into a

discussion of terms upon which the war might be brought to a close.

In this situation the communication of President Wilson, putting the question direct to the Kaiser, whether Germany does or does not wish peace is expected to remove all doubt or misunderstanding of Germany's position.

Officials in Washington, Oscar S. Straus, formerly Ambassador to Turkey; James Speyer, the banker, and others who took part in the informal peace work are now awaiting the German Emperor's reply. Nothing further, it is understood in well informed circles here, can be done in the matter of approaching Great Britain, France and Russia until a reply has been received from the Kaiser.

An inquiry similar to that sent to the Kaiser was forwarded to Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary.

### Canada to Pass 100,000 Troops

WINNIPEG, Sept. 12.—No East Indian troops have passed through Winnipeg despite all assertions, but railway companies have ninety trains ready at Vancouver and other divisional centres in western Canada ready to carry East Indian, Russian, Australian and New Zealand forces expected this month.

There are 40,000 India troops, 20,000 Australian, 10,000 New Zealand and 30,000 Russians coming.

### GERMANS FIGHT TO CLEAR WAY OUT OF BELGIUM

Two Army Corps Start March to Reinforce Von Kluck's Army.

### ONE FORCED TO TURN AND GIVE BATTLE

Belgians Inflict Heavy Losses and Plan to Retake Brussels.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, September 13 (Sunday).

The Observer's correspondent at Antwerp, writing last night, said:

"The Germans are exhibiting signs of alarm lest the Belgians shall succeed in interfering with their lines of communication through Brussels. On Thursday the news came that 135 trainloads of troops had crossed the Belgian frontier and were being hurried toward France. Later information led to the belief that the Germans were despatching two army corps to reinforce Gen. von Kluck's retreating right. It was decided at once to try to upset this plan and Belgians marched from Antwerp in considerable force in the direction of Louvain.

"The Germans learned of this movement. One of their army corps proceeded, but the second detoured and prepared to push back the advancing Belgians. The rival armies were in touch yesterday morning. The Belgians added by no fewer than forty of the outer fortress batteries, kept the Germans engaged until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Germans were no longer able to withstand the pressure and began to retire. The Belgians finally pushed the enemy to Louvain, inflicting heavy losses. It is probable that the Belgians will accomplish their purpose and retake Brussels.

"The British authorities are preparing a casualty list of the fighting around Liege. I hear that 27,000 Belgians were killed in defending the forts in the last few days of the investment. Many German prisoners have been brought to Antwerp. In four days 1,300 were

### WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

FRANCE.—According to an official announcement made last night in Paris the German general movement of retreat continues before the British and French forces, which have reached the lower course of the Aisne River. On the centre the German retreat continues. The French have crossed the Marne between Epernay and Vitry-le-Francois. The Germans have abandoned the attack on Nancy. The French have reoccupied Luneville. A German general order found at Vitry-le-Francois shows that the Germans regarded the battle of the Marne on September 8, which they lost, as one of the decisive battles of the war.

RUSSIA.—The Russians report the capture at Tomaszow. They followed this up by taking the fortified positions of Opole and Turobin. A St. Petersburg despatch says that the number of prisoners has grown to such proportions that many are sent inland from the frontier stations. The Russians also report that in their recent successes in Galicia they inflicted a loss upon the Austrians estimated at 130,000, of which 90,000 are prisoners.

SERBIA.—The Serbians and Montenegrins are now close to Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia. They report that they are being received with enthusiasm by the Serbs in Bosnia. Another force of Serbians has been thrown across the Danube near Belgrade for the invasion of Austria.

BELGIUM.—Ghent has been reoccupied and is being prepared for a defence. A correspondent reports that the German army in that neighborhood is in dire straits from lack of food, the Belgian Government having opposed the delivery of army necessities requisitioned by the Germans. A despatch from Roosendaal says the Germans were forced to retire from Diest with numerous losses. A despatch from Antwerp says there has been heavy fighting near Louvain and Vilvoorde, where the Belgians have gained an advantage.

TURKEY.—A note has been presented to the Grand Vizier by the Ambassadors of some of the Powers protesting against the decree abrogating the rights of foreigners in the Ottoman Empire.

### COLOGNE BY ANY OTHER NAME.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
Paris, Sept. 12.—The magazine Les Annales has opened a competition asking French girls to find a new name for eau de Cologne.  
It is desired to avoid the use of the name of the German town.

### FEEBLE RESISTANCE MADE TO PURSUIT BY THE ALLIES; ONE CORPS LOSES 160 GUNS

Kaiser's Centre and Left Armies Driven Back; Paris Reports Slight Advance in Lorraine; Germans Evacuate Saint Die and Luneville.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

Paris, September 12.

The following communique was issued at 11:30 to-night:

Section 1. First—On our left wing the German general movement of retreat continues before the English and French forces, which have now reached the lower course of the Aisne River.

Second—Similarly, at the centre the Germans continue the movement of retreat. We have crossed the Marne between Epernay and Vitry-le-Francois. At our right wing the enemy likewise to-day began a movement of retreat, abandoning the region around Nancy. We have reoccupied Luneville.

Section 2—Pursuit of the enemy after the battle of the Marne:

In spite of the fatigue caused by five days of incessant fighting our troops are vigorously pursuing the enemy in his general retreat. This retreat appears to be more rapid than the advance had been. It was so precipitate at certain points that our troops picked up in the headquarters, especially at Montmirail, documents and personal papers abandoned by the enemy as well as packages of letters received or about to be sent.

Everywhere, among other places in the district of Fromentieres, the enemy abandoned batteries of howitzers and many caissons.

The prisoners give the impression of suffering greatly from overexertion and discouragement. The horses are worn out.

After the victory on the Marne on September 6 the commander in chief of the French armies issued the following order of the day to his troops:

"At this moment, when the battle is under way on which the safety of the country depends, it is important to draw attention to the fact that it is now no longer the moment for looking backward. All efforts must be directed to attacking and hurling back the enemy.

"Troops who are unable to advance further must hold the territory they occupy, cost what it may and give up

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